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## **First-Time "Carolina Cash 5" Player Wins Nearly \$200,000 -Catawba County Co-workers Split Prize of Over \$140,000-**

**RALEIGH-** A first-time "Carolina Cash 5" player claimed her prize of \$194,592 Friday. Katherine Ranson of **Huntersville** matched all five balls on the Jan. 15 drawing.

The retired engineer told North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) officials that she had never played the game before and thought she would try it. The day after the drawing a friend encouraged her to check her numbers in the paper. Ranson said that she told her friend she had not won anything, but upon checking the numbers she realized she had hit the top prize! She plans to give some to her church and help out nieces and nephews.

"Carolina Cash 5" was also lucky for a group of co-workers in **Catawba** County. The group, who call themselves the "Plenum Powerball Group," won \$140,988 on the Jan. 22 drawing. They have been buying Powerball tickets as a group for about three months and over the holidays they thought they would use a little bit of their pooled money and try "Carolina Cash 5." In a very short time their new strategy paid off. The co-workers all have different plans for their share, but most said they would pay bills. Morrison was sure his wife would talk him into taking a trip. (The names of the Plenum Powerball Group are listed below.)

John Moore of **Oxford** said he had to switch out his glasses a couple of times before he would believe he had won \$100,000 on the instant scratch-off ticket "Instant Riches." Even then he said he was still in disbelief. Moore today claimed his prize and said he plans to buy himself a new car.

One person Power Played their way to a \$20,000 prize for the Saturday Powerball drawing. Lee Leslie of **Mooreville** matched four white balls and the Powerball, which normally pays \$10,000, but since he chose to Power Play his prize was doubled. The Power Play multiplier for the drawing was two. A total of 35,314 players won prizes in the Saturday drawing ranging from \$20,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$226,770. No one won the jackpot so the jackpot for Wednesday's drawing is worth an estimated \$33 million.

The NCEL has paid out over \$6 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won over \$189,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$774,000 in prizes.

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Winners in the Jan. 15 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Katherine Ranson	Huntersville	\$194,592	Food Lion #207 706 Gilead Rd., Huntersville

Winner in the Jan. 22 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Plenum Powerball Group (Shared)		\$140,988	Propst Superette #7 10187 Hwy. 127, Hickory
-Janet Smith	Lincolnton		
-Patrick Williams	Taylorsville		
-Gregory Morrison	Granite Falls		
-Randy Keller	Granite Falls		
-Tim Osborne	Newton		
-Chad Putnam	Conover		

Winner in the Jan. 24 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Quient Joyner	Gaston	\$73,822	Seaboard Depot 105 West Central St., Seaboard

Winners in the Jan. 26 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Lee Leslie	Mooresville	\$20,000	Plaza Drive BP 489 East Plaza Dr., Mooresville

Winner in the Jan. 23 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Arthur Walker	Shelby	\$10,000	Curve View Food Mart 815 West Warren St., Shelby

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
John Moore	Oxford	\$100,000	"Instant Riches"
Harold Webb	Goldsboro	\$27,777	"Junior Ruby Red 7's"
Daniel Pezza	Black Mountain	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Kara Bond	Raleigh	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
James Hopkins	Middlesex	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Linda Brown	Williamston	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Deborah Huffines	Greensboro	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Lynda Gaskins	New Bern	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Emma Lee	Warsaw	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
James Cowan	Charlotte	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
David King	Greensboro	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
William Shetley	Waynesville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Charles Davis	Eagle Springs	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Thomas Hovorka	Kernersville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Marcus Pitts	Hickory	\$5,000	"Big Ol' Bucks"

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Winner in the Jan. 16 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Albert Gant	Asheboro	\$25,000	Quik Chek #10 1634 Zoo Pkwy., Asheboro

Winner in the Jan. 16 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Vanessa Sanders	Lenoir	\$50,000	Tobacco To Go 1136 Hickory Blvd., Lenoir

**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	98

**Powerball Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$1 Million - \$200,000	87
\$50,000 - \$10,000	521

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.